

2012 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Do Pass C.B. 117322 - Seattle Human Services Department restructuring and renaming of divisions.

Councilmembers: Budget Committee

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Council Bill or Resolution: 117322/Gray Tab 12

Budget Committee Vote:

Date	Result	SB	BH	SC	TR	JG	NL	RC	TB	MO
11/08/2011	Pass 9-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Budget Action description:

C.B. 117322 (Gray Notebook Tab #12) would amend Section 3.20.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) to reflect the restructuring and renaming of divisions within the Human Services Department (HSD). The following changes to divisions would be made to the SMC:

- “Transitional Living and Support” replaces Homelessness Intervention and Block Grant Administration.
- “Youth and Family Empowerment” represents the merger of the Early Learning and Family Support division and the Youth Development Achievement division.
- “Community Support and Self Sufficiency” is a new division which encompasses the former Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention division and parts of other programs including family support, the Mayor’s Office for Senior Citizens and citizenship programs for immigrants and refugees.

These three new divisions join the existing Aging and Disability Services and Leadership and Administration divisions to form the new organizational structure of HSD.

Recommended Action: Do Pass C.B. 117322

Background: HSD has undertaken an extensive reorganization and strategic planning process in 2011. The goals of this effort are to: 1) create a seamless service delivery system; 2) reorganize and redesign contracting infrastructure and processes; and 3) develop a data-driven environment that guides investments. This body of work will continue through 2012, but some elements have been completed. Most notably, HSD’s divisions have been renamed and reorganized to reflect the director’s vision for the department. Given that the previous divisions were codified in the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), legislation has been proposed as part of the budget process to amend the SMC to reflect the new organizational structure. In 2012, Council has expressed a desire to monitor

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the department's ongoing reorganization and expects HSD to provide briefings and progress reports to the Housing, Human Services, Health, and Culture Committee.